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Group Art Unit: 1647  
Examiner: Lorraine Spector

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response

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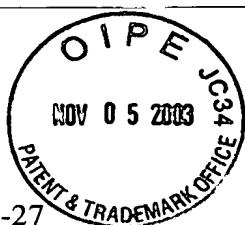
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Responsive to the outstanding Office Communication dated October 17, 2003, entry of the following is respectfully requested.